

UNCLE WIGGILY

UNCLE WIGGILY AND LULU'S LOLLYPOP
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"Uncle Wiggily, would you like to go with me and help pick it out?" quacked Lulu Wigglesworth, the duck girl, to the bunny rabbit gentleman one day as Lulu waddled past his hollow stump bungalow.

"Pick what out?" asked the bunny gentleman. "I hope your best hat hasn't fallen into the duck pond, and that you want me to help fish it out. Not but what I'll be glad to help you—only—"

"Oh, it isn't anything like that!" laughed Lulu, looking at her tall feathers to see that they were nicely curled. "I just want you to come with me while I pick out a lollypop at the one and two-cent store. Uncle Butter just gave me two cents and mother said I might buy a lollypop. Will you come with me?"

"Right gladly will I do that!" exclaimed the bunny gentleman, with a jolly twinkle of his pink nose. So he and Lulu went off through the woods together, the duck girl carrying under her wing the two pennies which Uncle Butter, the goat gentleman, had given her.

Seen the bunny uncle and Lulu Wigglesworth had reached the lollypop one and two-cent store. On one side were the penny candies on their stick handles, and on the other counter the lollypops which sold for two cents each.

"Oh, what lovely ones!" cried Lulu, clapping her wings, and out dropped the two pennies, falling to the floor with a musical tinkle. One rolled in one corner and the other off to the side of the store, and the jolly old dog gentleman who kept the candy shop barked:

"Money, money! Who has all the money?"

"Oh, it's just like button, button, who has the button!" laughed Lulu.

"Isn't this jolly?"

"It's jolly all right, but please don't drop any more!" said Uncle Wiggily, for he had to stoop down to pick up the money, and this made his rheumatism hurt.

"Let me see now," said Lulu, as the bunny gentleman handed her the pennies, and she looked at the candies, "shall I get one two-cent lollypop, or two one-cent ones?"

"Which would you do, Uncle Wiggily?"

"I think I should buy two penny ones," answered the bunny, while the jolly old dog gentleman storekeeper stood by with a patient look on his face. "Because," went on Uncle Wiggily, "if you have two pennies, you can lose one and save the other."

"Yes, that is very true," said Lulu thoughtfully. "But, on the other wing, if I buy two penny lollypops, I might lose one while I'm eating the other. But if I buy a two-cent one, I can keep hold of it all the while and I won't lose it."

"That's a good idea," said Uncle Wiggily, after twinking his pink nose a bit. "But, if you lose your large two-cent lollypop you lose everything, while if you lose one of the two penny ones you only lose half of what you have."

"Oh, isn't it puzzling?" quacked Lulu. "One hardly knows what to do; does one?" she asked the storekeeper.

"If you leave it to me, I'd say buy a two-cent lollypop," growled the jolly old dog.

"I will," quacked Lulu. "And now the question is, what flavor do I want?" she added, as she went to the side of the store where the larger candies on a stick were for sale.

"Oh, rose, orange, licorice, lime, cinnamon, clove, peppermint, spearmint, grape, banana, lemon, peach, tomato, carrot, corn, potato, bean and hash," answered the dog.

"Hash!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "I never heard of a hash lollypop."

"It's a little of every other flavor mixed up," said the dog.

"Hum," quacked Lulu. "I think I'll take a rose flavored two-cent lollypop." The dog gentleman reached for it, but Lulu cried: "No, I've changed my mind. I'll take orange." The dog gentleman, with a patient look on his face, reached for that flavor, but Lulu fluttered her wings and quacked: "No, I think I'll take a watercress flavor."

"We haven't any of that kind," said the dog.

"Oh, dear!" sighed Lulu. "I'll tell you how to choose," suggested Uncle Wiggily. "Close your eyes, Lulu, and pick out a lollypop. Take the first one you get in your wing."

"Oh, that's a jolly way!" laughed the duck girl. So she closed her eyes, and waved her wing over the pile of two-cent lollypops, saying: "Jiggie, Jaggie, Joggie Jake! Tell me which lollypop to take!" And

'Never Say Die,' Says Man Seeing After 30 Years of Darkness



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When she picked up one and opened her eyes it was an orange flavor. "Just the kind I like best!" laughed Lulu. Then she fluttered out of the candy store with Uncle Wiggily, who didn't care very much for candy.

And on the way home, all of a sudden, as Lulu was eating her lollypop, the bad Bob Cat sprang from the bushes crying:

"I want something to eat!"

"Have some of my lollypop," politely invited Lulu.

"No, I want Uncle Wiggily's ears!" howled the bad Bob Cat.

"Well, you shan't have them!" quacked Lulu, and with the hard end of her lollypop stick she tickled the Bob Cat in the ribs so much that he had to laugh whether he wanted to or not; and when he laughed he couldn't nibble the bunny. So the rabbit gentleman and Lulu safely reached home with the lollypop, and all was well.

And if the sugar spoon doesn't tickle the egg beater is a merry-go-round and try to get a ride on it before the rice pudding goes to sleep, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily taking Alice Wigglesworth to the coasting.

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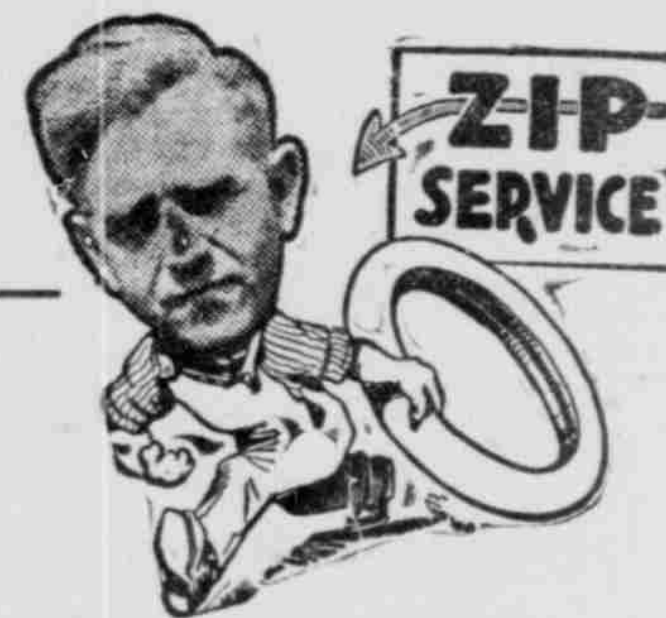
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